



## NEPHC FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

It's 2008 and we're starting out with a record setting winter season in the Northeast!!

The Board of Directors wishes all of our members and friends a happy and safe new year.

The annual meeting and holiday party took place on December 8th, hosted by Jane Holdren and Frank Gradilone at their lovely home in Boonton NJ.

Votes were counted for our annual election and we welcome Karen Zarobinsky and Rhonda Lawrence to their new roles on the Board. Many thanks to Manny Brito and Deb Clark for their past services on behalf of the club.

The new line up is:

President	Dave Ryan
1st. Vice President	Torey Mather
2nd Vice President	Rhonda Lawrence
Secretary	Athena Goumas
Treasurer	Karen Zarobinsky

A number of discussions took place at the meeting, including show sites, club activities, judges, etc.

### SHOW NEWS

The attendees voted to have the 2008 show in Indiana since no dates were available in Virginia. The only other possible site discussed was Kentucky however the sole date available was Labor Day weekend.

A list of 5 judges was created after general discussion of many candidates. The BOD was tasked with contacting Judges and as a result we have the Honorable Antonio Hudtwalcker signed up for the show.

Naomi Scull has agreed to be our show secretary. She is very experienced in this role and has handled the most shows with the new NAPHA computer program.

Linda Sigman will be our announcer. We're sure she will add her usual good humor and experience to the event.

Manny Brito, although retired from the board, has agreed to manage the show and has been doing a great job of pulling things together to date. He has blocked some rooms, however the US Army has blocked a number of hotels so making early reservations is suggested.

The dinner will be in the "Cheyenne's Social Club, on site.

Jean Dauernheim has labored mightily to create our class list and with inputs from Athena, Manny, Karen, Rhonda, Linda Torey and others has finished the final draft. We will have 60 classes over two days, no Prueba. With attention focused on juniors and novices.

Jean is now reviewing and revising our premium book to bring it in line with the latest NAPHA rules and any items specific to NEPHC.

### ACTIVITIES

Torey Mather is chairing the activities committee that includes clinics and all other matters including training classes and trail rides.

Torey has already established a long list of possible events open to all members and also other breeds.

She wants to start out with a general meeting, Hosted by Gabe Pinto at Secluded Acres on March 15, 2008 This will be combined with a massage therapy clinic for your horse.

Torey, continued.

**On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sleepy Hollow is presenting a dressage clinic fees are \$ 75.00 to ride and \$ 25.00 to audit. Sally Seigrist will present the clinic.**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>: One on one training sessions with Natural Horsemanship Trainer Caroline Rider. Fees are \$ 95.00 to ride and \$ 20.00 to audit. At Sleepy Hollow.**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Sleepy Hollow presents a Brenda Imus Gaited Horse clinic by Lindsey Payette.**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, Treasure Hunt, Riddle Ride at Sleepy Hollow, Details to be announced.**

**June 7<sup>th</sup>, Clinic by Carlos Tobon, at Sleepy Hollow, sponsored by NEPHC**

**June 28 & 29  
Show Clinic at Westview Farms  
Hosted by Gene Pepe, sponsored by NEPHC.**

**July 19 & 20: Regional Show Indiana**

**August: TBA Looking into dressage clinic in New York.**

**September 6<sup>th</sup>:" An Equine Affair to remember" Sponsored by NEPHC and Hosted by Sleepy Hollow Stables. Caroline Rider will give demonstrations On her training techniques with her horses, work with someone's' horse that has a training issue, give one on one lessons to participants. More info to follow.**

**Information on all of these plans can be found on Toreys' website:  
[www.sleepyhollowstablesllc.com](http://www.sleepyhollowstablesllc.com)**

**Beach rides and other events are being discussed watch Toreys' web site for the latest plans and information.**

**The "Pasabilities Drill team will be Appearing in our Indiana show. It's always an exciting presentation and we promise that the sound system will work this year.**

**MEMBER NEWS**

**"Jane and Franks Mexican Adventure"**

**Jane Holdren and Frank Gradilone, who were introduced as new members in Dec. 2006, are building their "retirement" home and training facility in Mexico. It is the "Rancho del Paso" located in Chapala, Jalisco, Mexico.**

**It all started so innocently. We had chosen the Lake Chapala region of central Mexico as our retirement destination. The plan was to cash in our chips in El Norte, buy a NICE house down there, and drink margaritas in the sunset. Then we became proud owners of two Peruvian Pasos. This threw a big wrinkle into the plan. What do we do with the ponies when we move south? So in December 2007 we paid our fifth or sixth visit to the area, to check out equestrian facilities for our beloved Peruvian Pasos. As we exited the third scruffy, run-down boarding establishment, Frank uttered the fateful words "We can do better than this"**

**Fast-forward a year. We have bought a portion of the old Hacienda La Labor, and are converting it to an equestrian community-a small boarding stable, pastures and an arena surrounded by five houses, for people who want to live close to their horses.**

**Oh and let's not forget the social club and swimming pool. We started with the "bare" ground, ( well actually the ground covered with thorny spiny weeds and bushes, and enough boulders to build our rock wall.)**

**We hired an American master builder with a Mexican crew, a designer, and started planning then building.**

**The perimeter is now bordered with a loongngg rock wall along the road and chain link fencing on the other three sides with 3500 bougainvilleas to cover it. The social club building is near completion, the first house going up, and the stables/storage sheds have been started. Along the way we have learned a great deal about construction design, and the management of a building project from 3000 miles away. Thank goodness for the internet!!**

**We are having a lot of fun with the design. For instance –the main gate will be a glorious structure topped by 2 horse head statues. When we reached out to Peruvian Paso people for pictures to serve as models, we were fortunate to have Jeanelle Dapello provide us with photos, posters and DVDs of the recently departed Fenix as our first model.**

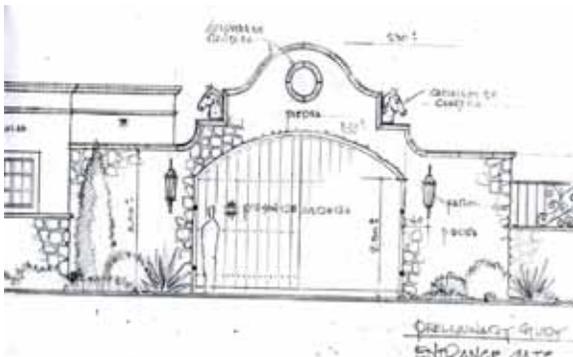
Holdren, continued. We are looking for another great stallion or mare owner to provide photos etc. for our second.

We will have a small plaque at the base of the gate that will include the names of the horses. Our retirement has been pushed out for a year, as we wait for the rancho to be finished, and keep on working to support the construction costs. Our best guess now is , We will be in residence there by the fall of 2009.

Contributed by: Jane Holdren, 2/2008



**Social Club building**



**Front gate**

## THE MELTONS

Fortunately the Melton family and all of our members and friends escaped the recent tornados in the South.

They have some news to share with us regarding the Central States / Deep South clubs.

The Central States show in Tunica will be the clubs 40th anniversary event. They are the oldest Peruvian horse club in existence.

They plan to raffle a two-year-old chestnut filly, with lighter mane and tail, not exactly

flaxen. She is out of their stallion, Zarata DN, 19 years old and still sound. Her dam is CSR Selena 9 years old and also sound. Zarata was bought from Russell Dean as a Two year old. Russell was one of the first people to import Peruvian Pasos from Peru in the early 60s. Although Zarata was never shown much, he has a million trail miles and Charles rode him for three years in the first drill team we belonged to.

Contact Jean at [c\\_j\\_melton@yahoo.com](mailto:c_j_melton@yahoo.com) for details on the raffle tickets.



Central States and Deep South members participated in a parade in honor of the inauguration of Mississippi Governor Hayley Barbour, In January. 2008 They had 22 riders and the local papers had a picture of Charles Melton saluting the Governor as they passed the reviewing stand.



Pictures courtesy of Clarion Ledger

Contributed by Jean Melton 2/2008

## MAJESTIC VIEW FARMS

Bob and Bonnie Roth, in a continuing effort to enhance the Gardiner NY, facility have recently completed the new breeding barn on Brunswyck road.

The self-contained operation contains stalls for the breeding stallions in residence, separate private paddocks for each stall, a complete laboratory with equipment for gathering, testing and shipping semen, and a resident veterinarian. This is the home of FHP Guapaton, or “Guappy” as he is lovingly known by the Roths. Guapaton is available for stud services. Many of his offspring have already proven themselves in the show ring.

Bob and Bonnie also have a very busy breeding operation for standardbreds with as many as 80 or 90 mares on site at any given time. Their Standardbred stallion “Misfit”, a 15 year old, is a multi-million dollar winner on the track.



Breeding barn



Lab & Veterinarian Office



East side stalls

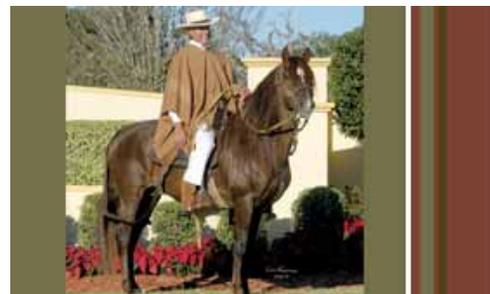
## WESTVIEW FARMS

Gene Pepe recently up dated his website and invites all members and their friends to check it out.

[www.westviewbreeding.com](http://www.westviewbreeding.com)

Gene said that 50% of his stock is available for sale due to other business interests taking much of his time.

He invites anyone who is looking for a good Peruvian Paso to stop in at his farm in Ocala Where he offers “ a rare opportunity to acquire some of the best blood lines available today” This includes Show Champions, choice Mares and pleasure horses.



## Pablo Garayar:

As most of you have probably heard Pablo was seriously injured last November in a riding accident. He has been confined to a wheelchair until recently but Gene indicated that the doctor reports that his prognosis is good and he is beginning to walk again. He could be back in the saddle by June.

Let's all wish him a speedy recovery you may call him at: 352-425-7115

Or mail him at:

West view farms, 12191 N. Magnolia Ave,  
Ocala, FL, 34475

## **PAT FRITZ**



**Pat and her daughter Jessi on Matia and Paco**



**Pat on her 8-year-old PP mare “Matia” charging the surf on Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Pat was riding to raise money for the American Heart assoc. during the annual “ Jack Monroe Rideathon” This event takes place the first weekend of November and is headquartered at the Lakewood Campground in S. Myrtle Beach. It is one of the few sites where you can ride on the beach in that area. Pat raised \$ 1,000 during her ride this year. If you would like information on the event you can contact Pat at. [fffp@aol.com](mailto:fffp@aol.com)**

## **THE NOBLES**

**We spoke to Joe and Anne recently And they wanted us to pass on that Joe is continuing with his Chemo program and remains in his usual good spirits. He is always a pleasure to talk to since he doesn’t complain, just takes whatever trials life has dealt him in stride. They are busy planning Joeys’ wedding in the spring.**

## **KIM RITER**

**To those of you who suffered along with Kim in Texas, when she blew a disc in her back, we are happy to report that she had Surgery a “microdiscectomy” on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> It was an out patient procedure and she is now in the recovery mode. Her leg pain was diminished immediately and she is now going through the slow process of getting her life back to normal. It’s a tough challenge for an “A” type multi- tasker to follow the NO BLT rules. NO bending, NO lifting NO twisting. She made her first trip up to the farm to see Flor , Patron and Deseado last Sunday. No riding, just looking. She’s yearning for the day she can get back on board.**

**Kim wants to thank everyone who prayed for her and helped her through her pain.**

## **PAT BRAILEY**

**Pat has been suffering from Osteoporosis for some time now. She has broken 3 vertebrae 2 of which have been surgically cemented. and several ribs over the past two years. She has just started a new procedure which has promised to build bone, so hope is in the air. Keep those good prayers coming! Pat moved on February 9<sup>th</sup>.from her much beloved home of 60 years in Cedar Grove NJ to her new home at Cranes Mill (independent living) in West Caldwell NJ. It is a beautiful large apartment with a view to a pond and we managed to fit her entire first floor into it!! She has taken her two Himalayan cats with her, Jasper (flame point) and Arnold Schwarzeneger aka Arnie (chocolate point), for added company. Her beloved and much be-ribboned Peruvian “ Imerioso” (age 21) is staying on at Thunder valley Peruvians\ in Boonton Township NJ. Pat’s social life is already in full swing and her’ dance card’ is full with dinners out with new and old friends at Cranes Mill and lunches out with her multiple beaus. Although she is no longer driving, she always seems to find a way to get where she wants to go!**

I am sure Pat would love to hear from her friends- her new cell number is: 973-809-2349 and mailing address is: 459 Passaic Avenue, apt. 256, West Caldwell, NJ, 07006.

Contributed by Carol Engel 2/2008

### THE MORRISONS

Those who meet us as Martin and Kathleen Morrison think first of the husband and wife lawyers from New Jersey who practice Criminal law and personal Injury law. A 'dream career' for both. But our dreams didn't stop with the law! We both loved open spaces with just a few neighbors and horses. Martin is often heard to say "Kathleen rides them and I follow with the shovel". Although we love living in Northwest NJ in farm and ranch country, We wanted more than just a couple of acres. After several years involved with the Standardbreds and harness racing in the late 1980s and early 1990s I became an experienced driver with the standardbreds And Martin an experienced groom. Then, after several years in the late 1990s, of giving it all to the law, we both decided we needed another 'dream'. I was introduced and became fascinated with the Peruvian Paso breed. I researched and I went to as many shows as I had time to squeeze into my schedule, visited farms and rode as many horses and otherwise worked on getting Martin into the 'gait', Then after traveling all over the US we found a perfect place to build our 'dream' ranch in New Mexico, the land of enchantment! The property consisted of 160 acres in West Cerillos. New Mexico, off the Turquoise trail and just south of Santa Fe. It had the views, 360 degrees of them, and we bought it instead of listening to those who advised us against it Because "there's no water there". We hired an old Native American shaman who told us here was water there. He came out to the property summoned the 'ancient ones' 'drove a stake into the ground and said "the water is here drill 500 feet, straight down ". So we did and got more water than anyone has ever gotten from a well in that area. I was recently told by a New Mexican

Morrison continued,



Lower mesa location for barns & paddocks at Rancho del Rio

That" either New Mexico likes you or it doesn't". So far it must really like us. Recently a neighbor on an adjoining 40 acres had to sell so we purchased that piece and now have 200 acres all together. The good luck continued .Not long after that I was introduced to 'LEA Alcalde' a beautiful 5 yr. old chestnut gelding from Las Estancia Alegre and we were a perfect match. I shipped him back here to NJ and enjoy riding the many trails and rail beds in my area.



Martin checking fences

On our visits to the ranch we saddle up gaited horses and ride our property and thousands of acres of BLM ( Bureau of Land Management) property that abuts us. The land is very open and this is the only way to get around. Martin is still looking for his Peruvian and looks forward to riding as much as he can. I know he will find one soon.

Last September we visited Peru for the 2007 Concurso Nacional del Caballo Peruano de Paso. We visited a few of the beautiful Haciendas owned and operated by a few of the breeders there. We were very impressed with the architectural design and the concept of home, barn and courtyard blending beautifully together.

**Morrison continued,**

**We have enlisted an architect in New Mexico to**

**Plan out our hacienda to include our casa grande in the spirit of the Peruvian haciendas we saw, and a guest casita in case we get guests, and a barn or two, and many acres of paddocks with some grass courtyards.**

**We are returning to Peru in April to continue looking at horses and to finalize our house design. Martin and I are looking forward to not only retirement but to living in New Mexico at our hacienda. We look forward many hours of enjoyment with friends and of course our Peruvian Paso horses.**

**Contributed by Kathleen Morrison 2/2008**

**NOTE: With all the great breeders we have in the club maybe we can save the Morrisons a trip. (At least for the horses)**

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**Other Topics:**

**One of the important items in any show is member and exhibitor support for our class sponsorships and advertising programs. This year is no different. We are fortunate to have Linda Sigman handling sponsorships, so when she calls please be generous and continue to help us out. Advertising is another area we rely on as a way to defray the ever increasing costs for putting on a show. Dave Ryan will be contacting you to see where you want your ad placed this year.**

**Local Shows:**

**Every year there is a lot of discussion about having a local show around New York or New Jersey. Most members are aware of the time and energy already spent on this subject. Although there are sites we've used in NJ, PA, and NY all of them have reasons they are not popular with our members or folks from other areas. There may finally be an opportunity to do something about this**

**continuing problem.**

**Edie Gandy recently advised Manny Brito and Dave Ryan about the NY Paso Fino Club. They have a show each July in Cobleskill NY, at the local fairgrounds. Like many of our sister PP clubs they are having difficulty in getting enough exhibitors to participate, and run the risk of losing their dates to bigger shows. Manny has been in contact with the president of the PF club and will look into how we might hold a joint show next year in that location. The fairgrounds are only a couple of hours travel from most of the big breeders farms in the region. We will continue to keep you informed as details become available.**

**Our 2008 show effort is well underway. Over the past couple of years some of our members have been unable to participate for a variety of reasons. The show is the biggest single undertaking for the club each year and takes the most time and effort to produce. It is also costly. WE need the help and support of every member to maintain our record of having good shows for over 20 years.**